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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MAY 21, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

09/05/2003 EHARRIS 00000075 This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, for
01 FC:1201   840.00 DA
02 FC:1202   which the three-month date for response is August 21, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins

on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks to the Office Action begin on page 27 of this paper.

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As a result of this Amendment, the number of independent claims has been increased by ten claims and the total number of claims has been increased by five claims. Accordingly, please find a check submitted herewith in the amount of $930.00 for the ten additional independent claims and the five additional claims in excess of 20 claims. It is believed that no other fees are due; however, if the check is not present or is insufficient, or should any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2032.006196DCD.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.